# SUMMARIZED MINUTES WESTWORLD SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING Friday, April 18, 2008



Monterra at WestWorld 16601 North Pima Road Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Call to order at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Subcommittee Chair Drake

Committee Member Nelssen Arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Committee Member Littlefield

### 1. Approve Minutes from February 22, 2008 meeting

Motion was made by Committee Member Littlefield and seconded by Committee Chair Drake with no objections.

# 2. WestWorld Activity Update – Brian Dygert

Since we last met, WestWorld has hosted 22 events: 14 equestrian and 8 special events. There are six weeks left in the current season and we will host 10 equestrian and 1 special event during this period.

We have been working with Barbara Dietz on a new 3-year contract for the Scottsdale Classic Quarter Horse Show. The contract is in the attorney's office being finalized and we look forward to taking this to Council in the near future for approval.

We are working to bring a new event to WestWorld in December 2008. The Festival of Horses is an expo, trade, clinician-type event crossing all disciplines.

Bicyclists who use the peripheral road at WestWorld would like management to put openings in the gates so they do not have to stop and walk/carry their bikes around the gate. Brian Dygert explained to the Subcommittee that this is a "control/security" issue during event season and construction projects during the summer. He asked the Subcommittee for their input. After discussion, the Subcommittee decided putting in bicycle-only accessible gates is something to consider for the future but they would leave the decision up to Brian Dygert as to when the gates would be open or closed.

Committee Chair Drake felt the most important gate may be the southwest gate along the Polo Field and secondly the McDowell Mountain Road gate. It was consensus, retro-fitting the gates was not an urgent issue, but one that could be addressed in the future.

## 3. CIP Update – Corey Lew (Brian Dygert presented)

**Multi Use Tent:** The multi-use tent is almost complete. A new concrete footer and horizontal stabilizer above the doors will be added to make the doors on the south line more secure and functional.

**Phase 1:** (Telecom building and related infrastructure) of the barns, show offices, and restrooms is on WestWorld grounds at this time. Phase 2 (procurement, fabrication and erection of the new horse barns) was approved by Council April 14 and Phase 3 (restrooms, show offices, barn facades and remaining site work) will go before the Council May 20, 2008.

**PA System:** Upgrades are finished with the exception of adding 2 speakers to the north side of Wendell Arena. This should be complete Fall 2008 show season.

**Equidome:** Lighting improvements are complete. This project came in ahead of schedule and under budget.

**Shading:** WestWorld shading elements will be incorporated in the design of the new facilities. Brian Dygert met with Users whose events could be affected by adding shade structures and has a good understanding of what they would like to see happen.

**Fencing:** In approximately 30 days, fencing will be installed along the south and east sides of "M" Lot (the 17 acres at McDowell Mountain Road and 98<sup>th</sup> Street.) The fence will consist of 3-rail, tan, PVC material (the same that was installed between Salida del Sol condominiums and the 52 acre parcel.)

Millings: When available, additional millings will be added to the north side of "K" and "M" Lots.

**RV Pedestals:** In the future, the issue of adding additional/upgrading existing RV pedestals will be addressed.

### 4. Budget Update - Brian Dygert

Mr. Dygert said the preliminary budget for WestWorld had gone before the Council April 17, 2008. The next budget hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2008 and the final budget hearing is scheduled for June 3, 2008.

### 5. Dust Law Ordinance – Brian Dygert

Mr. Dygert explained WestWorld is in the process of testing a new dust control product. It is a synthetic product that looks wet after it has been applied. It is not water soluble, but will not affect drainage. WestWorld is evaluating its effectiveness and cost at this time. The Subcommittee asked Mr. Dygert to forward copies of the product information and any results he finds.

It was asked if WestWorld would be applying the product to arenas. Mr. Dygert stated that even though the product information stated it could be used in this way, he was not planning to apply it to the arenas until further evaluation.

Committee Member Nelssen asked if it was an acrylic polymer and what the application process is. Mr. Dygert said it is a human, animal bio-friendly, man-made/synthetic product that works at the molecular level. Mr. Dygert said the product had been applied to a very small area on the 52 acre parcel (millings) and the results were very promising.

The other option for dust control is using a water truck to apply water to dirt areas. This would entail hiring a person who would run the truck throughout most of the day, the cost of a new 4,000 gallon water truck, and the cost of the water. At this time, WestWorld has 2-2,000 gallon water trucks but using them takes double the application time a 4,000 gallon truck would.

The Committee asked to be kept informed on the performance/problems of this product. Mr. Dygert said he would forward results as soon as he had them.

### **Public Comment**

Chris Collman, Collman Equestrian Productions thanked Brian Dygert and staff for their efforts in making WestWorld a tremendous place to have a horse show. He stated he produces several shows at WestWorld throughout the year and this past March was the first time he was able to get an AA rating. He has applied for a special Hunter Derby class and a member of the Canadian Olympic team returned after six years. This gentleman was so impressed with what WestWorld had become; he plans on returning again soon. He thanked staff again for their attention to details and to arena footing.

Council Chair Drake said she had received glowing reports from Users that WestWorld was "perfect" and "close to perfect."

Susan Davies, Fiesta Cluster Dog Show, said attendance at dog shows around the country is down, but not here at WestWorld. Fiesta is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest dog show west of the Mississippi,

and growing. In November, they are producing a new dog show, "Canine Experience," with demos and activities. This is informational only, not competition based. Ms. Davies asked that whatever WestWorld could do to keep the Polo Field in shape for their show(s) would be much appreciated.

### ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the Public Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Gloria Storms Ruiz

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REVIEWED BY:

Council Member Drake

Chair

Officially approved by the WestWorld Subcommittee on